You have urged the appointment of a lady Sub-Assistant Surgeon in the hospital at Tuckalai. All that I can say is that Government are not unaware of the need for appointing lady doctors in many hospitals and they have under consideration a scheme for appointing them in the chief hospitals. When that scheme is finally passed, the supply of lady doctors will be taken up and carried out gradually. It can be done only in course of time.

Then with regard to making Muthukuzhivayal a sanatorium, it is for the people to make a move in that direction, and I may tell you that, if a few enterprising and public-spirited people like you, who have some knowledge and personal experience of the place, put up some houses there, before long it will be converted into a health resort.

The question of a road to that place will be considered then.

66. Needs of the Kalkulam taluk.

MR. SUBRAHMANYA PILLAI MATEVAN PILLAI (*Kalkulam taluk, Group II*) urged the need for transferring one of the three Munsiffs' Courts at Padmanabhapuram to Eraniel. Owing to the absence of a Munsiff's Court at Eraniel, the inhabitants of Midalam, Kizhmidalam and other places had to walk a distance of about 15 miles to go to Padmanabhapuram to conduct their cases. The merchants of Eraniel were also put to much inconvenience because of the dislocation of business on the days on which they had to attend courts. A large number of cases was also being filed from Eraniel. There was therefore every justification to transfer one of the Munsiffs' Courts to Eraniel.

The member also suggested the desirability of removing the Additional Munsiff's Court from the rented building to the Magistrate's Court building.

Next he requested that the proposal to extend the jurisdiction of the Village Panchayat and Bench Magistrate's Courts at Padmanabhapuram to Tiruvitankod and Eraniel should not be approved. Even as it was, the traders of Eraniel were put to great inconvenience in having to attend the Munsiff's court at Tuckalai and, if they had to attend to the Panchayat Court there, which was situated at a longer distance from Eraniel than the Munsiff's Court, it would be a hardship.

The two blocks of buildings of the English High School at Eraniel were situated very near the public road which was always crowded and busy, especially on market days. The incessant noise and dust were a source of nuisance to the teachers and the pupils. The construction of compound walls on the northern and eastern sides of the school would mitigate the evil to a great extent. He therefore requested that the work might be sanctioned at an early date.

The absence of ceiling for the rooms in the school was another source of inconvenience to the pupils and teachers as the radiated heat during the hot season was unbearable. While the Education Code insisted upon ceiling being provided for private schools, it was a pity that Government buildings were not provided with it.

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The road from Monday market to Manavalakurichi *via* Charamangalam was in need of repair. The total length of the road was only 3 miles, of which about 4 furlongs were in a neglected state. The road should be improved and made fit for cart traffic.

Alur was a thickly populated place but had no facilities for medical relief. The nearest hospital was six or seven miles away. It was most inconvenient to take patients to distant hospitals and the inconvenience was greater during times of epidemics. A dispensary should therefore be opened at Alur.

A police out-post at Alur was also an absolute necessity. It would be enough if the outpost at Parasseri junction were removed to Alur.

The Anchal office at Eraniel was located near a junction and in the centre of the Monday Market. That was a source of danger and an obstruction to motor traffic. The existing Anchal office building should therefore be demolished and the office located in another building near the market. Buildings would be available in the locality for a rent of Rs. 7 or Rs. 8 per mensem.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Matevan Pillai, the first subject which you pressed is the transfer of one the Munsiffs' Courts at Padmanabhapuram to Eraniel. That is a matter which will be considered by the Law's Delays Officer. When the whole readjustment of the civil jurisdiction is taken up, your suggestion will also be considered.

With regard to the construction of a compound wall for the English High School, Eraniel, my information is that, at the present time, there is no great need for a compound wall. It will be more a luxury than a necessity. However, your representation will be referred to the educational authorities.

Your representation regarding the road from Monday market to Manavalakurichi will be referred to the Road Board.

With regard to the opening of a dispensary at Alur, Government have decided not to take up the question of dispensaries piecemeal and in a haphazard way. They are asking the Administrative Board, Medical Services, to have a comprehensive scheme prepared of dispensaries and hospitals that have to be provided in the order of their urgency.

As regards the establishment of a police out-post at Alur, Government do not consider either the shifting of the out-post at Parasseri to Alur or the opening of a new one there necessary. Alur is only two miles from the out-post at Thottyodu which is on the main road and can serve a beat to Alur.

Government are also aware of the inadequacy of the Anchal Office building and the authorities concerned are on the look-out for a proper site for the office. When a proper site is procured, this will be attended to.

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